

### **Friday Faith Reflection #17** (12 June)

Hi, this is the JPC online weekly faith reflection. The word I would like to talk about today is PRIVILEGE. There are different ways to sign this in Auslan like benefit or fortunate. I will talk about that privilege. Currently there is a global movement which can be seen in the media: "BLACK LIVES MATTER". It is an immensely important issue that we need to acknowledge. Black people have been fighting for many years and have suffered greatly and much of that is related to the privilege of other people. It can be seen in the comparison of crime convictions. The sentence charged to a white person is often lesser than a black person. That inequity has been going on for many years and now black people are protesting/screaming/calling out everywhere and I can understand that. Inequity is seen constantly in our day to day lives. We see it when we compare being Deaf against those who can hear, or even the difference between the treatment of an adult or a child. People are treated differently for their characteristics around the world. We need to remember that we have much similarity as well: we have the same body parts and that makes us human, black or white.

What can we do now? Well I would like to talk about reaching out. With respect, acknowledgement and understanding. We need to reach out to build the connections with black people and all people and show respect. This is something important to think about and reflect on.

I hope that you are doing alright at home and looking after yourselves.